

SOCIETY FOR SIMULATION IN HEALTH CARE ACCREDITATION REVIEW VISIT 20TH NOVEMBER 2014

Colleagues from the University of Nairobi-College of Health Sciences, University of Maryland Baltimore (UMB) and the team from Society for Simulation in Healthcare (SSiH), it is my pleasure to welcome you all to participate in the review process led by the SSiH team who are represented by three members namely; Dr. Pamela Andreatta, Dr. Guillaume Alinier and Mr. Andrew Spain of the United States.

The College is the leading tertiary healthcare training center in Kenya and the East Africa region. Currently, it consists of five schools namely: Medicine, Pharmacy, Dental Sciences, Nursing Sciences and Public Health. In addition, the College houses the Institute of Tropical and Infectious Diseases (UNITID) and the Center for HIV and AIDS Prevention and Research (CHIPVR).

Since its establishment, the College has continued to grow student numbers and utilize diverse and innovative teaching methods in an effort to respond and adjust to the dynamic environment under which it operates. In order to improve the quality of medical education, the College established a multi-disciplinary skills lab (MDSL) that allows students to have hands-on clinical experiences using expert patients and simulation models.

This was achieved through Medical Education Partnership Initiative (MEPI). MEPI support also increased simulation and management resources for the lab to better serve the College of Health Science (CHS). The skills lab is utilized by four CHS schools i.e. Pharmacy, Medicine, Nursing and Dental Sciences. A skills lab coordination committee with faculty representation from the four schools is responsible for oversight of simulation activities.

All the activities processes and procedures conducted in the skills lab adhere to the University of Nairobi Quality Management System guidelines which are ISO 9001:2008 Standardized.

Since its inception in 2012, the multidisciplinary skills lab utilization has risen from an average of 8 students per month to more than 500 students per month. The average skills lab utilization for August to October, 2014 was 543 students per month. The departmental uptake has also risen from 1 department to 8 departments in the College of Health Sciences. The lab is also being used for clinical skills assessment by the Schools of Medicine and Nursing.

The skills lab coordinating committee members have worked tirelessly to ensure the lab meets the criteria for accreditation as a simulation Centre and become the first internationally accredited simulation Centre in Africa.

I take this opportunity to thank Society for Simulation of Healthcare (SSiH) for making efforts towards accreditation of this Multi-Disciplinary Skills Lab. I also thank the PRIME-K team and the faculty for their efforts. Our vision is to be a world class multi-disciplinary simulation laboratory for training health professionals.